

Mark 12:42

Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans.

They say that if you ask a multi-millionaire, or billionaire, how much is enough, they will reply with, *“Just a little bit more.”* But when you have that kind of thinking or attitude, you will never have enough, because having “just a little bit more” is a never-ending cycle, and you will never be satisfied.

But today’s devotional is not about getting more, but it’s focused on the *“Just a little bit more.”* We all want to serve and do things for the Lord and His Kingdom, yet how often do we complain or even think thoughts like, *“I don’t have enough to give, if God would give me ‘just a little bit more’ then I could tithe or give Him more”?* And usually we have thought like that with our money, but we also have those thoughts concerning our time or other resources as well. We think, *“If God would give me just a little bit more time, I could do so much more for Him because I am so busy.”*

But you know what those thoughts are? *Lame excuses*, and we are all really good at them, so much so that we have turned our excuses into an art form, as it seems that the more we make up excuses for not doing, giving, or serving the Lord, the more that, even we believe that they are good reasons (because we don’t want to call them lame excuses).

But look at today’s verse, with this *poor widow* woman who gave *two mites*. Do you think she was thinking, *“If God would give me ‘just a little bit more,’ then I could give Him this money.”* No, she was not focused on what she didn’t have, but what she did have.

Or think about when Jesus fed the five thousand. The disciples were focused on what they didn’t have.

† **John 6:7** *Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."*

Yet Jesus turned their focus on what they did have.

† **Luke 9:13** *But He said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people."*

Even though it still sounded like an impossibility to feed five thousand men with *“five loaves and two fish,”* because once they looked at what they had, they “felt” like it wasn’t enough. But we know the end of the story and that Jesus took what little they had and fed five thousand men (plus women and children) with it.

It kind of makes you wonder how God multiplied the *poor widows two mites*, or even more so, how He will multiply what little we have, once we stop looking at what we don't have, and use what little that we do have, and invest it in His Kingdom, for His glory!

- † **Matthew 6:33** *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*
- † **Matthew 25:20 (NLT2)** *The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'*
- † **John 15:7-8** *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*
- † **John 15:16 (MSG)** *"You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, He gives you."*